Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Bradley D. Strand's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Strand devoted more than 20 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Heavy Vehicle Driver, Squad Leader, Mentor and Leader in the Army National Guard, and has performed service in the state activations, including support of Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts and during support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Strand continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Bradley D. Strand for more than 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2008, as

STAFF SERGEANT BRADLEY D. STRAND DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State